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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on June 21, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims contain single brackets, which are no longer permissible marking symbols. Double brackets or strikethrough must now be used to affect amendments. See the memo at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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1.136(a).

### *Conclusion*

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Crepeau whose telephone number is (571) 272-1299. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM EST.

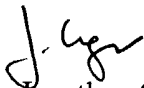
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